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SUBJECT: VISIT OF JOHN PATRICK MCGUIGAN, SINGER COMPANY, BINGHAMPTON, NEW YORK

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1. IN RESPONSE REFTEL WE HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM DISCO, COLUMBUS OHIO WHICH WAS NOT SENT INFORMATION DEPARTMENT AND DOD: QTE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO WAS FURNISHED BY MR. PAUL BRADER, SECURITY OFFICER, THE SINGER COMPANY, BINGHAMPTON, N.Y. PERTAINING TO THE VISIT OF JOHN PATRICK MCGUIGAN: WILL VISIT MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF BAHRAIN ONLY AND WILL DISCUSS CONSTRUCTION OF FLIGHT SIMULATORS AND WEAPONS SYSTEMS TRAINER. NO U.S. CLASSIFIED INFO WILL BE DISCUSSED. UNQTE

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, THERE IS SOME TENDENCY HERE FOR DEFENSE MINISTER AND BAHRAIN DEFENSE FORCE (BDF) TO BECOME STIMULATED BY PROSPECTS OF ACQUIRING RELATIVELY SOPHISTICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PURCHASE OF WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE NO SUPPORT FROM AMIR AND CABINET. WHEN EQUIPMENT CONCERNED IS AMERICAN WE ARE PLACED IN EMBARRASSING SITUATION. WHILE WE HAVE NO DESIRE TO HINDER PROPER COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES OF U.S. COMPANIES MANUFACTURING AND SELLING MILITARY-RELATED EQUIPMENT IF ACQUISITION OF SUCH EQUIPMENT BY BAHRAIN WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OVERALL GULF ARMS POLICY, WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT THAT ANY DIALOGUE BETWEEN U.S. COMPANIES AND BAHRAIN DEFENSE CONFIDENTIAL

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ESTABLISHMENT BE WITH THE FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT,

DOD AND THIS EMBASSY AND THAT AMERICAN SALESMEN NOT ENCOURAGE BAHRAINI OFFICERS IN FRIVOLOUS PURSUIT OF GADGETRY WHICH AMIR HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING THEM HAVE AND WE MIGHT BE UNWILLING TO SELL IF HE WANTED IT.

3. BEFORE SINGER REP VISITS BAHRAIN, BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT SINGER BE IN CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT AND DOD AND THAT USG FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT SINGER MIGHT BE UP TO IN BAHRAIN IF PERMISSION IS GRANTED FOR ITS REP TO VISIT. IF IT IS DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT THAT THIS SHOULD TAKE PLACE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE FULLEST POSSIBLE BACKGROUND ON SALES APPROACH.

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